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SUBJECT:DEPARTMENT OF STATE PRESS BRIEFING, AUGUST 8, 1978

FOLLOWING ARE EXCERPTS FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE PRESS BRIEFING.

Q: DO YOU HAVE ANY COMMENT ON THE ANNOUNCEMENT MADE IN SALISBURY TODAY ABOUT LIFTING DISCRIMINATION LAWS AGAINST BLACKS?

A: I HAVE SEEN THE REPORTS, BUT WE HAVEN'T READ A TEXT OF WHAT THEY PROPOSE TO DO. I DON'T HAVE ANY COMMENT ON IT AT THIS POINT.

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Q: WHAT DO YOU KNOW OR HAVE ON THE REPORTS FROM AFGHANISTAN THAT SOVIET OFFICERS ARE RUNNING THE AFGHANISTAN ARMY?

A: I HAVE NOTHING ON THAT.

Q: DO YOU HAVE ANYTHING ON THIS PRESS REPORT THAT THE UNITED STATES AND GREAT BRITAIN HAVE PLANS FOR THE RESCUE OF WHITES IN RHODESIA?

A: I CAN DENY THAT DISCUSSIONS HAVE BEEN HELD AT ANY LEVEL

ON THIS QUESTION, AT LEAST THAT IS WHAT I AM TOLD BY THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR AFRICAN AFFAIRS.

Q: WHAT DO YOU MEAN BY THAT? THAT THERE HAVE BEEN NO DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND GREAT BRITAIN, OR WITHIN THE U.S. GOVERNMENT?

A: NO, BETWEEN THE U.S. AND THE UNITED KINGDOM ABOUT POTENTIAL CONTINGENCY PLANS FOR EVACUATION OF PEOPLE FROM RHODESIA.

Q: ARE YOU DENYING THAT THERE HAVE BEEN DISCUSSIONS ON THE
SUBJECT WITHIN THE U.S. GOVERNMENT?

A: NO, I AM NOT.

Q: ARE YOU IN A POSITION TO COMMENT ON WHETHER THERE HAVE
OR HAVE NOT BEEN?

A: I AM NOT IN A POSITION TO COMMENT ONE WAY OR THE OTHER
ABOUT THAT.

Q: WHAT WOULD BE THE STATE DEPARTMENT'S ATTITUDE IF THE
SITUATION MADE SUCH ACTION NECESSARY?

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A: THAT IS A HYPOTHETICAL QUESTION. ALL I CAN SAY IS
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IS THAT WE SHOULD MOVE FORWARD TO CONVENING AN ALL-PARTIES
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